

it intends an October timetable for implementing claim denials.

To avoid the claim withholds and the eventual denial of claims, providers should be sure to verify at the time of service that the ordering, prescribing or referring practitioner is actively enrolled in the Medicaid fee-for-service program. DOH has posted a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document on OPRA at [https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/ProviderMaintForms/Core\\_OPRA\\_FAQs.pdf](https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/ProviderMaintForms/Core_OPRA_FAQs.pdf).

In response to HCA and other organizations' requests, DOH has created a streamlined application process for OPRA practitioners to enroll in Medicaid. That application is at [https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/ProviderMaintForms/436901\\_OPRA\\_FORM\\_OrdPresc-Ref-AttendOnlyEnrlForm.pdf](https://www.emedny.org/info/ProviderEnrollment/ProviderMaintForms/436901_OPRA_FORM_OrdPresc-Ref-AttendOnlyEnrlForm.pdf). DOH reports that most enrollments are processed within 30 to 45 days of receipt of a completed application.

Also, at HCA's urging, DOH has created a database whereby home care and other providers can check by the National Provider Identifier (NPI) if their OPRA practitioner is enrolled in Medicaid. DOH has stated that the list is updated daily. The list is at [www.emedny.org/info/opra.aspx](http://www.emedny.org/info/opra.aspx).

While not currently available as a downloadable file, HCA has requested and DOH is considering such availability (and the state cost) so that agencies can interface the OPRA database with other data systems.

### ***New requirements for all billing providers begin August 22***

Page 23 of the *July Medicaid Update* also contains the following new requirements for all billing providers:

- **Existing Enrolled Providers** – Beginning August 22, 2013 and for the following 12 months, providers will be sent notifications instructing them to complete either or both of the application forms (EFT and ERA or PDF) to renew their Electronic Transmitter Identification Number (ETIN).

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## **Vote by Next Week's Deadline for NY Nurse Kuiper to Receive 2013 NAHC Nurse Award**

Voting ends next week, on **August 13**, to select the National Association for Home Care and Hospice (NAHC) 2013 Nurse of the Year.



Nominees include **Dea Kuiper of HCA Member VNA Homecare in Syracuse.**

HCA urges colleagues to vote for Ms. Kuiper's nomination on NAHC's website at <http://www.nahc.org/consumer-information/2013-nurse-of-the-year-nominees/>. (Click the "Vote Here" button on the bottom of the page.)

Members will recall that Ms. Kuiper appeared on the cover of HCA's 2011 *Faces of Home Care* calendar. The May 2013 edition of NAHC's *Caring Magazine* also has Ms. Kuiper on its cover for a story which highlights the 50 award finalists.

Ms. Kuiper is among the top ten finalists nationally. The winner will be announced at NAHC's Annual Meeting & Exposition on October 31 to November 3, 2013 in Washington, D.C.

For more information, and to read Ms. Kuiper's story, please visit [www.nahc.org](http://www.nahc.org).